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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

17 June 1961
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1. Soviet Party Central Committee in session

We believe a special meeting of the committee opened in Moscow today. Its agenda may include:

- a) High-Level personnel changes, especially if the balance of power among Khrushchev's subordinates has been upset by Kozlov's illness;
- b) A report on the Vienna meeting;
- c) Relations with China and Albania;
- d) The Party Congress scheduled for October.

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2. Laotian princes meet in Zurich

After the first meeting this morning Phoumi announced an agreement to seek formation of a "government of national unity." Given the expressed views of the three, we doubt that this will be easily achieved, but we think they will seriously attempt it. In Laos itself, the Communists renewed pressure yesterday on government forces which were driven out of Ban Hat Bo on 13 June.

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3. Balaguer giving in to Trujillo elements

The Dominican president has eased the OAS investigators out of the country and on Wednesday allowed his foreign minister to renege on his promise that they could return at any time. The government has stopped its efforts to establish better contacts with the US Consulate, and the Consulate last night reported a number of indications that the police apparatus has gone back into action.

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4. Philippine Foreign Minister worried over direction of US policy

Serrano has been concerned over what he feels is a softening of US Laotian policy, and believes US recognition of Outer Mongolia would be an indication of a broader policy shift. He warned Ambassador Hickerson on 13 June that anti-Communist Asians would have to revise their policy toward the US if they had to rely on their own resources to stay independent. [REDACTED]

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5. First Soviet jet fighters probably delivered to Cuba

A Soviet ship arrived Thursday with 18 crates on deck of a type usually used for shipment of MIG-15's and 17's.

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6. French found Algerian rebels completely uncompromising at Evian

The French insist they will not resume the talks until the Algerians respond to the French unilateral cease fire.

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While both sides have shown no willingness to compromise so far, neither is willing to break off negotiations completely.

7. Soviet ICBM shot aborts

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A test at Tyura Tam early yesterday morning either failed immediately after launch or was cancelled at the last minute. Previously this year there have been ten successful ICBM shots, six failures, and three with undetermined results.

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8. Moscow Air Show will be impressive

Unlike the routine shows of recent years, we expect the Soviets to demonstrate some new types of aircraft, as well as air-to-air and air-to-surface missiles. One new bomber, apparently supersonic, 50X1 has already been spotted in rehearsal. Our present guess is that the show will take place on 9 July.

9. [redacted]
[redacted] Japan

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10. Indonesia to receive Soviet jet medium bombers. [redacted]

The first two TU-16's (comparable to the B-47) will arrive late this month, under agreements signed since last September 50X1 The Soviets have never given aircraft of this capability to any nation, even in the bloc. The main point is the prestige which will accrue to the Indonesians.

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13. British bid for Common
Market membership may be
delayed

Since New Zealand, Canada and Australia
have expressed some concern, Macmillan
is sending cabinet members to consult
with the Commonwealth countries.

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14. Congo Developments

a) Gizenga is lowering his price for
coming to a parliament meeting in Leo-
poldville.

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b) He is having increasing difficulty
with tribes in Kivu and Kasai pro-
vinces. (see map)

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c) Ghana has finally arranged to fly
an aircraft to Stanleyville next week
with medical supplies and personnel
for its embassy there.

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d) We are so far unable to make any
useful comment on Mobutu's activities
reported in this morning's press.

NOTES

- A. Ambassador Stevenson will be in Lima through tomorrow. Student agitators are trying hard to work up demonstrations. His next stop in Quito.

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- C. Bilateral disarmament talks with the USSR begin Monday.

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- E. The Soviet Long Range Air Force exercise--most extensive ever--is over and practically all aircraft have returned to their bases. []

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- F. Embassy Tokyo reports that the Japanese press is playing up the story of US nuclear submarines visiting populated ports against orders.

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